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1. DOD IHAWK TEAM PRESENT IN KUWAIT IN JAN 76 AGREED TO DELETE COSTS OF HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND MEDICAL CARE FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ALL OF WHICH WOULD BE FURNISHED BY THE GOK. ACCORDING TO GOK AUTHORITIES, THE HOUSING WAS TO BE "ACCEPTABLE TO THE (US) EMBASSY."

2. THE MARCH MICOM/RAYTHEON TEAM PREPARED A DRAFT ANNEX TO CASE UCY CONTAINING THEIR DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR SUITABLE HOUSING, ETC., FOR RAYTHEON PERSONNEL. GOK AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THIS AN EXTREME POSITION AND "NOT WHAT WAS AGREED TO."

3. A REVIEW OF THIS DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT MICOM/ RAYTHEON ARE REQUIRING HOUSING SIMILAR TO WHAT IS PROVIDED TO TWO OFFICERS (COL AND LTC) PRESENTLY ASSIGNED IN KUWAIT WITH FOLLOWING (ADDITIONAL) REQUIREMENTS:
A. WALLED ENCLOSURE AROUND RAYTHEON LIVING AND RECREATION AREAS;
B. PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL;
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C. PRIVATE BOWLING ALLEYS;
D. PRIVATE TENNIS COURTS;
E. TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ON-CALL MAINTENANCE SERVICE;
F. DETAILED ROOM SIZES, ETC.;

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G. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS NOT NORMALLY FOUND IN KUWAIT;
H. FULL FREEDOM FOR RAYTHEON TO MAKE ALTERNATE ARRANGE-
MENTS AT GOK EXPENSE WHENEVER THINGS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY
IN RAYTHEON OPINION;
I. COMMUNITY RECREATION BUILDING;
J. NEW FURNITURE FOR EACH OCCUPANT; TO INCLUDE WALL-TO-
WALL CARPETING;
K. UP TO FIVE BEDROOMS DEPENDENT ON FAMILY SIZE ON
60 DAYS NOTICE; AND
L. ALL EXPENSES OF FIRST CLASS AIR TRAVEL TO KUWAIT,
WITH ROUTING (INCLUDING STOPS) DETERMINED BY RAYTHEON.

4. RAYTHEON/MICOM POSITION HAS BEEN VERBALLY STATED AS
FOREGOING WERE PLANNED IN CASE UCY AND THAT ONLY AGREED
CHANGE IS THAT GOK WILL PROVIDE. ESTIMATED COST (MICOM)
OF $7,500,000 FOR HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND AMENITIES
FOR 45 FAMILIES (TWO YEARS) CONSISTENT WITH MICOM/RAYTHEON
DESIRES.

5. EMBASSY NOTES THAT A PRIVATE "LITTLE AMERICA" HAS NOT
BEEN FOUND NECESSARY BY ANY OF THE 55 AMERICAN COMPANIES
REPRESENTED IN KUWAIT. FURTHER, THE USG DOES NOT PROVIDE
SUCH AMENITIES TO USG PERSONNEL (EVEN THE AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE DOES NOT MEET ALL THESE REQUIREMENTS).

6. WE AND MICOM TEAM HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY RESPONSIBLE
GOK OFFICIALS THAT THE GOK HAS ESTABLISHED POLICY AT AN
INTER-MINISTERIAL LEVEL THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE HOUSING,
ETC., "SUITABLE TO THE PERSON'S QUALITY." EMBASSY NOTES
THAT GOK IS PROVIDING HOUSING (OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSE)
FOR VARIOUS AMERICANS UNDER UN, USAID, FHWA AND DOT AUSPICES
IN ADDITION TO COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. HOUSING, ETC.,
PROVIDED BY GOK CONSIDERED SUITABLE AND APPROPRIATE,
IN EMBASSY'S OPINION.

7. IT IS THE EMBASSY OPINION THAT THE GOK WILL NOT
ACCEPT RAYTHEON'S "REQUIREMENTS" UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
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FOR POLITICAL REASONS. THEY APPEAR VIEW THIS AS
REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL PRIVILEGE, ETC. ALSO, AS A
MATTER OF POLICY, MOD WOULD FIND EXTREME DIFFICULTY
IN PROVING SUCH FACILITIES FOR ONE GROUP OF AMERICANS
VIS-A-VIS OTHERS (SUCH AS USG MILITARY AND A4 TECH
ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL).

8. IT IS NOT KNOWN ON WHAT RATIONALE MICOM/RAYTHEON
REQUIREMENTS BASED; HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT DEMANDS ARE:
A. VIEWED BY GOK AUTHORITIES AS A BROKEN AGREEMENT.
(NOTE: WRITTEN MOU DOES NOT STATE WHAT IS SATISFACTORY);
B. NOT IN KEEPING WITH WHAT LOCAL US BUSINESS COMMUNITY
HAS FOUND NEEDED TO ATTRACT QUALITY PERSONNEL; AND

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C. NOT IN KEEPING WITH LOCAL STANDARDS FOR USG PERSONNEL.

9. REQUEST REVIEW AND ADVISE ALCON WHETHER HOUSING
"ACCEPTABLE TO EMBASSY" CAN BE ACCEPTED. IF NOT, IT
IS CONSIDERED THAT POSSIBILITY OF IMPASSE IS HIGH.
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